

# City of JOLIET Illinois Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

## Important Phone Numbers

**Police and Fire  
Emergency**  
9-1-1

**Police Non-Emergency**  
(815) 726-2491

**City Hall Information/  
Questions**  
(815) 724-4000

**Complaint Line**  
(815) 724-4005

**Water & Sewer  
Billing**  
(815) 724-3820

**Building Dept./  
Inspections**  
(815) 724-4070

**Public Utilities  
(Water & Sewer)**  
(815) 724-4220

**Public Works**  
(815) 724-4200

**Roadways**  
(815) 724-3650

**City Manager  
David A. Hales**  
(815) 724-3720

**Mayor  
Bob O'Dekirk**  
(815) 724-3700

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

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**John Gerl (District 3)**  
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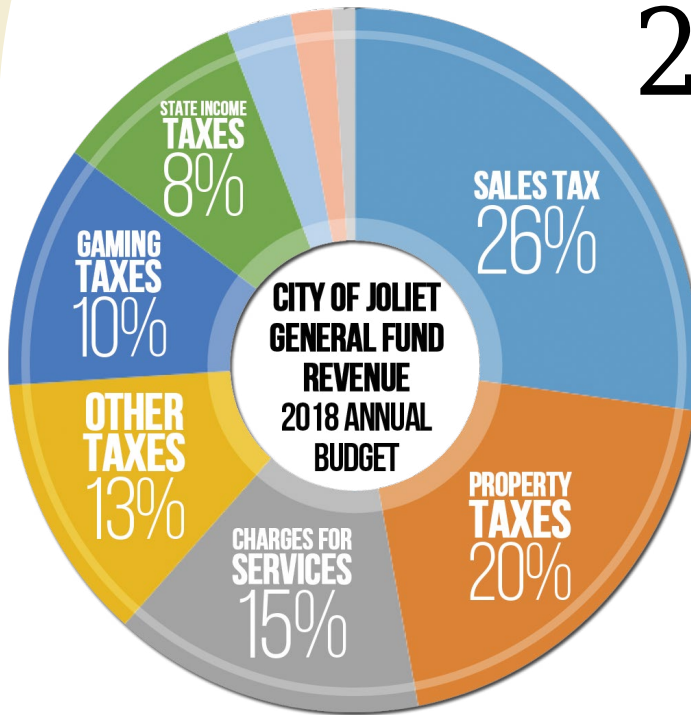
**Terry Morris (District 5)**  
(815) 724-3742

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(At Large)**  
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## City Council Adopts 2018 Budget



SALES TAX: \$45,500,000  
PROPERTY TAXES: \$35,555,000  
CHARGES FOR SERVICES:  
\$25,574,696  
OTHER TAXES: \$22,007,224

GAMING TAXES: \$18,115,000  
STATE INCOME TAXES: \$14,350,000  
FINES & FEES: \$6,849,060  
OTHER REVENUE: \$4,088,800  
LICENSES & PERMIT: \$2,600,500

On December 19, 2017 the City Council adopted the 2018 budget appropriating \$280,337,839 for the City of Joliet's 20 funds.

The City's largest fund, the General Fund, had an appropriation of \$179,669,106 that would be covered by \$174,640,280 revenue and a use of reserves of \$5,028,826. The Water and Sewer Fund is the second largest fund with a budget of \$54,736,760.

## General Fund Revenue

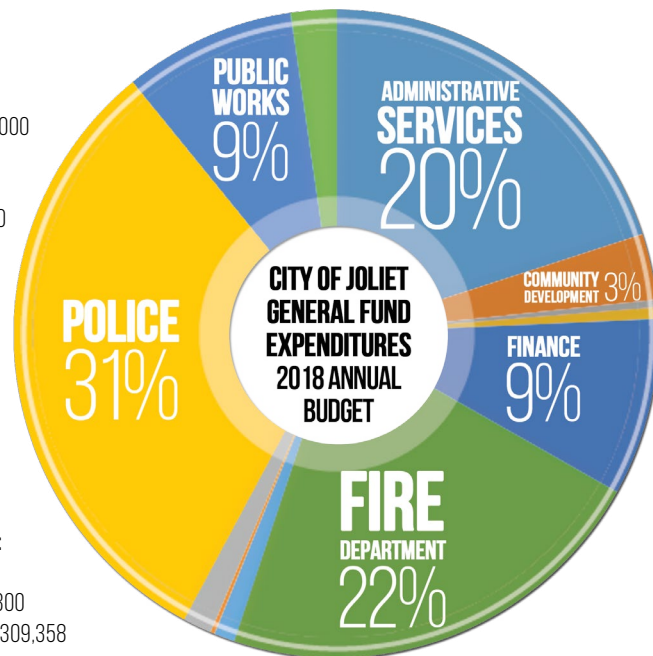
The 2018 budget anticipates revenues in the General Fund of \$174,640,280. Sales Tax (26.05%) and Property Tax (20.35%) are the largest source of City revenue. Other revenue sources are presented in the Graph to the left.

## General Fund Expenditures

The 2018 budget anticipates expenditures in the General Fund of \$179,669,106. The Police (31%) and Fire (22%) departments are the largest source of City Expenditures. Other Department expenditures are presented in the graph to the right.

POLICE: \$55,646,919  
FIRE DEPARTMENT:  
\$39,712,267  
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES:  
\$36,791,737  
FINANCE: \$15,777,376  
PUBLIC WORKS: \$15,941,337

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:  
\$6,441,030  
CAPITOL PROJECTS: \$1,417,300  
TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: \$3,309,358  
LEGAL: \$2,376,696  
CITY MANAGER: \$1,085,011  
CITY CLERK: \$793,535  
MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL: \$376,540



## Tree News from the City Arborist

Trees in the City of Joliet clean the air we breathe and provide habitat for wildlife. The canopy of our urban forest cools neighborhoods throughout the summer months. Spring is a great time of year to plant a tree and bring these benefits home. The long growing season allows transplanted trees time for roots to become established before winter.

Do some homework early in the year so you have a planting location and species selected by April. Find trees that thrive in Northern Illinois and are suitable to the site you have chosen. Note the mature size of the tree and make sure it won't be under power lines or too close to buildings when fully grown. Look around your neighborhood and choose something different from the majority of species on your block. Our city has an abundance of maples, so you might consider planting a different kind of tree.

Diversity of species ensures that more trees will survive if disease or pests strike the urban forest as it did with Dutch elm disease and Emerald ash borer. A list of approved trees can be found on the city's website [cityofjoliet.info](http://cityofjoliet.info) (search: forestry). Norway maple and ornamental /callery pear are not on the approved list, because they are invasive and escape into native habitat in parks and forest preserves.

If you would like a tree to be planted in your parkway, a request form can also be found on the city's website [cityofjoliet.info](http://cityofjoliet.info) (search: forestry forms). Residents can go to [mortonarb.org/tree-selector](http://mortonarb.org/tree-selector) for further help in tree selection.

Be sure to check proper planting techniques to plant the tree at the correct depth. Place a circle of mulch 3 to 4 inches deep around the base of newly planted trees, keeping the mulch away from the trunk. Newly planted trees should be deeply watered once a week if rainfall is less than 1 inch during that time. During drought conditions the root ball may need to be watered every few days. Avoid shallow, light watering, which causes roots to grow near the surface.



### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

## Hello, Spring

*Message from Bob O'Dekirk,  
Mayor of Joliet*

### Dear Neighbor,

Hello to all Joliet residents. We have come to the end of another winter and I am excited that Spring is in the air! First, I would like to thank all of our City of Joliet employees for the hard work during the cold winter months, and would especially like to thank our snow plow drivers and staff for their efforts in helping keep our streets safe.



**BOB O'DEKIRK**  
Mayor of Joliet

With Spring approaching, we are looking forward to the upcoming events throughout Joliet which come with warmer weather. Specifically, please consider supporting the Slammers baseball team or visiting Route 66 Stadium to enjoy events with the new turf

which has been installed. Or, take a trip downtown either to attend the numerous events which occur outside during the summer months, or to tour the new train station which is opening. Or, come and visit (or revisit) the Joliet Historical Museum and take advantage of the tours being arranged to visit the Old Joliet Prison later this summer. For more information you can call (815) 723-5201.

As the temperature warms up, the City of Joliet will commence the annual work conducted repairing streets or replacing water mains throughout the city. In a City as old as Joliet, it is critical that we constantly pay attention to maintaining and improving our infrastructure. Our City spends millions of dollars every year doing so. Please be patient with any work crews or construction on our city streets or sidewalks.

Finally, congratulations to all of our school children, teachers, and school staffs for the completion of another school year. Thanks for all the hard work and enjoy your summer!

Newly planted trees may need supplemental watering for 2 to 3 years until roots are established.

Residents are asked to water new parkway trees to help them survive. Established trees need water every 10 to 14 days during a drought to feed water absorbing roots 8 to 12 inches below the surface. If you live in a newer subdivision

with clay soil, watering can be overdone, since the clay forms a bowl under the root ball, and roots can die from sitting submerged in water. A tree can wilt from this and appear to need water.

Concerned about your trees or have questions about tree care? Contact City Arborist, Jim Teiber at (815) 724-4046. Another source of help is the Morton Arboretum Plant Health Care Clinic (630) 719-2424 or email [plantclinic@mortonarb.org](mailto:plantclinic@mortonarb.org).

## 2018 Arbor Day Celebration

Arbor Day in Illinois is always the last Friday in April and for the 28th year, the City of Joliet and its Tree Advisory Board will be holding a celebration during that week at a local grade school in Joliet. Students will be asked to participate in a "Trees are Terrific" poster contest and winners will be invited to a city council meeting to be acknowledged. Watch for details in the local news.

### America in Bloom Effort Needs Volunteers

Want to help beautify the City of Joliet? The Forestry Department is looking for volunteers to participate in an America in Bloom project this year. Members of Home Owner's Associations, other organizations, and individuals are encouraged to join the effort. Contact City Arborist Jim Teiber at (815) 724-4046 to get involved.



## A LOOK BACK

# By the Numbers

# 2017

## A look at Municipal Service delivery

The third largest city in Illinois, Joliet covers 63.9 square miles and has 149,395 residents. The municipal services help to make our community a great place to live, work and do business.

Joliet has 600 miles of City-owned streets, 623 miles of water main, 551 miles of sewer main, 123 traffic signals, 40 bridges, 2,965 public parking spaces, 14,500 streetlights (4,500 City and 10,000 ComEd) and 38 school zone warning flashers.

Services are delivered by a workforce of 787 full-time and 77 part-time employees who bring a wide range of formal education, experience, and expertise to their jobs.

With the highly trained and accredited police force

and firefighter-paramedic force, the City of Joliet's public safety programs rival those of any other community.

Joliet's public works and public utilities programs are the core of our municipal services. They pump water, maintain streets, treat sewage, plow the snow, keep the traffic signals operating, and trim the trees among other things.

Other municipal services nurture business investment, manage thousands of parking spaces, and foster development that provides jobs, retail opportunities, eating places and housing that meets the needs of our growing community.

Though employees are assigned to different departments, and the jobs performed vary, all have the common mission of serving the many needs of the residents of Joliet.

## HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF SOME OF THEIR ACTIVITIES FROM THE YEAR THAT JUST ENDED

### PROTECTING THE PUBLIC

- **91,390** calls for police service
- **89,976** 911 calls were received in the Joliet Communication Center
- **19,865** ambulance calls by 9 ambulances across the city
- **2,681** fire department service calls, including structure fires, car, brush, & dumpster fires, including carbon monoxide calls, and fire alarms to name a few
- **9,100** tons of salt spread during 10 separate snow events
- **261** water main breaks were repaired

### SERVING THE COMMUNITY

- **106** scheduled block parties, school visits, and other community requests for fire trucks to attend their functions
- **76** special events applications processed
- **27** block party applications processed
- **50** pre-council/special council/council meetings - **122** committee/board/commission meetings held
- **566** complaints of graffiti, resulting in **997** graffiti tags removed
- **3,106** community relations issues addressed, including tenant/landlord disputes and local ordinance violations
- **746** properties brought before administrative adjudication
- **7,497** service requests were

answered by the Public Utilities Department

- **317** Zoning/Code Enforcement complaints responded (316 successfully closed)
- **8** new Donation Collection Box Permits issued (13 renewals; 6 removals due to ordinance violations)
- **66** Zoning Board of Appeals petitions processed
- **44** Plan Commission petitions processed
- **4** Joliet Historic Preservation Commission petitions processed

### IMPROVING THE CITY

- **1,073** tons of asphalt used to patch potholes
- **8.1** miles of streets resurfaced
- **1.5** miles of streets reconstructed
- **33** miles of sewer mains were cleaned and video inspected
- **348** hydrants were repaired and **101** hydrants were replaced
- **3,500** trees removed
- **1,050** trees planted
- **434** locations reported in need of current ADA signage and replaced 2,000 signs
- **4** miles of water main replaced
- **9** miles of sewer main rehabilitated

### SUSTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT

- **51,851.4** tons of garbage hauled away
- **11,085.8** tons of recyclables collected

- **8,270.1** tons of yard waste hauled away

### GROWING THE ECONOMY

- **\$46,548,414.33** sales taxes generated by local businesses
- **5,498** building permits issued totaling \$272,173,003 worth of new valuation
- **1,783,324** square feet of new property received building permits
- **221** new residential housing permits
- **34** commercial lots platted
- **225.25** acres annexed

### COMMUNICATING INFORMATION

- **3,920** document requests processed under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act
- **225,433** new visitors and **196,986** returning visitors to City website - cityofjoliet.info. Total of over **1,000,000** page views. Most popular pages: Make a Payment, Garbage & Recycling, and Human Resources
- Over **1,000** Social Media followers - Facebook: City of Joliet, Illinois, Government and Twitter: @TheCityofJoliet
- **7,749** new citizen reported service requests lodged (via call ins, or submitted online through GoRequest)
- **8,135** community relation service requests that were addressed and closed by City Departments through GoRequest

## CONSTRUCTION

## Roadway Reconstruction

Since 1982, the Department of Public Works has reconstructed neighborhood streets within the City of Joliet. These projects were previously completed through the City's Neighborhood Improvement Program and are now being accomplished through the Roadway Reconstruction Program. Streets to be reconstructed through this program include both residential and / or collector streets. The 2018 Roadway Reconstruction program shall expend approximately \$1,408,400 utilizing funding from the City's Motor Fuel Tax monies and Community Development Block Grant monies.

The following is a listing of streets to be reconstructed with the 2018 Roadway Reconstruction Program:

1. **Charity Avenue (Sherman Street - Nowell Ave.):**  
Storm Sewer / Curb and Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction
2. **Juniper Street (Fairmont Ave. - Arthur Ave.):**  
Curb and Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction
3. **Nowell Ave. (Doris Avenue - Charity Avenue):**  
Storm Sewer / Curb and Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction
4. **Retta Court (Doris Avenue - Charity Avenue):**  
Storm Sewer / Curb and Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction
5. **Richmond Street (Sunset Strip - Barney Drive):**  
Curb and Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction
6. **S. Hebbard Street (E. Washington - Second Ave., Third Ave.- Fourth Ave.):**  
Curb and Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction
7. **Smith Avenue (N. Center Street - N. Broadway Street):**  
Curb and Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction

Road Reconstruction Projects are scheduled to take place late Spring through late Fall, 2018.

In addition to reconstructing numerous streets, the Department of Public Works completes an annual Roadway Resurfacing Program on various streets City wide. This 2018 Roadway Resurfacing Program shall be funded with approximately \$2,594,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Monies. A full list of streets to be resurfaced in 2018 will be provided in a future Newsletter.

Property owners are advised to seek alternate routes when a given street is being reconstructed. The Department of Public Works may be contacted at (815) 724-4200 with questions regarding the 2018 Roadway Reconstruction Program or the 2018 Roadway Resurfacing Program.

## Recycling

The City of Joliet and Waste Management would like to remind residents to recycle the correct items. Please do not place plastic grocery bags or garbage bags into the recycling cart. A list of acceptable recyclables is listed on the City's website at [cityofjoliet.info/residents/garbage-recycling-schedules/recycling](http://cityofjoliet.info/residents/garbage-recycling-schedules/recycling). Recycling carts containing non-recyclables may be tagged and not picked up. Your cooperation to the program is appreciated.



## Yard Waste Service Resumed March 12, 2018

The City of Joliet and Waste Management would like to remind the residents of Joliet the yard waste collection resumed Monday, March 12 and will continue through Friday, December 7.

Residents should place all yard waste material out for collection by no later than 7 a.m. on their collection day. Yard waste materials may be placed in one of the following containers: a rigid 33-gallon refuse-type container identified with a "YARD WASTE ONLY" label attached or 32-gallon kraft disposable type paper bags. "YARD WASTE ONLY" labels are only required for rigid 33-gallon containers and should be placed with the label clearly visible from the street. Yard waste will not be collected in plastic bags of any type or size or in containers larger than 33 gallons.

Free yard waste labels are available at the following locations: City Hall (150 W. Jefferson Street) and Joliet Jewel Foods Stores (1401 W. Jefferson St., 1537 N. Larkin Avenue and 2480 Il. Rt. 59).

Brush and branches may either be placed in the above mentioned permanent-type containers or Kraft paper bags or may be securely tied with string or twine in bundles not exceeding 4 feet in length, 3 inches in diameter, nor weighing more than 50 pounds per bundle. No "YARD WASTE ONLY" label is necessary for bundled yard waste. Unbundled brush and branches will not be collected.

Yard waste containers must contain only yard waste. State law prohibits collection of mixed loads of yard waste and other refuse. Please note that sod, dog feces, whole trees, stumps, limbs greater than 4 feet in length, 3 inches in diameter and dirt are not part of the weekly yard waste program and will not be collected.

Residents can also either rent or purchase 96-gallon yard waste carts by contacting the Waste Management Customer Service Center at (815) 280-7854. The cost to rent is \$5 a month with a 1 year minimum and the cost to purchase \$105.

The City of Joliet and Waste Management appreciate your continued cooperation with the City's yard waste collection program. For questions about yard waste pickup, please call (815) 724-4000.



## Water Main Rehabilitation Program Year Two Construction to Begin

In 2016 the Department of Public Utilities prepared a 5-Year Rehabilitation Program for the water system with a goal of rehabilitating 1% of the system annually. The projects will be funded with low interest loans from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Construction of the year two projects is anticipated to begin in April and will continue through the end of the year.

The water main rehabilitation projects consist of replacement of existing water mains that are prone to failure. A list of the 2018 projects is below. For more information about the Five Year Water Main Rehabilitation Program please visit the City's website: <http://cityofjoliet.info/departments/public-utilities/programs-projects/water-main-rehab-plan>.

### 2018 Water Main Rehabilitation Projects

1. **Marycrest Phase III:** St Joseph, Webster, S. Hammes, St. Jude, Kathryn, Notre Dame
2. **Raynor Park Phase I:** Norley (Catherine to Hosmer), Catherine (Theodore to Ingalls), Barry (Theodore to Curtis), Curtis (Catherine to Hosmer)
3. **Schriber Avenue:** Schriber (Catherine to Dawes), Ronnie Ct (deadend to Schriber), Donnie Ct (deadend to Schriber)
4. **Jefferson - Essington :** Jefferson (Houbolt to Essington), Essington (Twin Oaks to Jefferson)

Residents who live in the water rehabilitation project areas identified above are encouraged to sign-up for the City's Smart Message - Community Alert system to automatically receive project updates and alerts. To enroll visit the City's website homepage <http://cityofjoliet.info/>, click on I WANT TO in the top ribbon, then click on STAY INFORMED. If you would like more information about the 2018 projects or have any questions about the water system rehabilitation program please call the Department of Public Utilities at (815) 724-4220.

## Joliet Slammers Baseball

The Joliet Slammers are excited to open their 2018 season at home on Tuesday, May 15 with their all new artificial turf facility. Promotional highlights in May include two Education Days on May 16 and 17 at 10:05 a.m., the Slammers first Pet Day on Sunday, May 27, and Teacher's Appreciation night on Tuesday, May 29 with tickets starting at just \$2.00. The Slammers play Memorial weekend for the first time in many years with games May 25-27 with an overnight family campout planned for May 26. Families can pitch a tent and enjoy a movie on the video board following the game.

The Slammers have a full line-up of games in June including Princess Night on Friday, June 15 with post-game fireworks and Sunday, June 17 for Father's Day when fans can play catch on field post-game. The Slammers once again host the class 3A and 4A IHSA championship tournaments which will be held June 8 and 9. Baseball fans can see high school baseball at its finest this weekend.

The Joliet Slammers are a professional minor league baseball team that plays in downtown

Joliet at Route 66 Stadium located at 1 Mayor Art Schultz Drive, Joliet, IL 60432. Fans can enjoy the many facets of fun and entertainment the Slammers offer. Family get-togethers, church groups, day camps, youth sports teams, fundraising groups, even businesses looking for a corporate hospitality option - the Slammers can accommodate groups of all types from 20 guests to 200+.

Catch fun promotions all season like \$2 Tuesdays, Fireworks Fridays and team autograph Sundays. Fans can enjoy a wide variety of menu items from traditional ballpark hotdogs or pulled pork cheesy nachos to the Slammers own grilled chicken pesto sandwich. Enjoy ice cold beer, cocktails, wine, and soda served all summer from our concessions and exclusive party areas like the left field rooftop or luxury suites.

Individual ticket prices start as low as \$6. For a full list of 2018 promotions and game times or to purchase tickets, fans can visit [jolietsslammers.com](http://jolietsslammers.com) or call (815) 722-2287.





## Spring & Summer Home Maintenance Tips

**Here are some suggestions of things that residents will want to inspect while finally being able to enjoy being outside.**

- Examine your roof. Look for missing, buckled or loose shingles. Examine flashings at the roof edges, plumbing stacks and chimneys.
- Check all exterior wood trim. Use a nail to see if you have soft spots. Also, check all caulking around trim, including dryer vents, electrical services, natural gas pipes and sump pump lines. Check the handrails and wooden decks for loose or rotten boards.
- Check your gutters and downspouts. Make sure gutters are properly secured and downspouts drain water away from your foundation.
- Look for low areas around the foundation. If you have low spots, fill them with compacted soil. It is important to keep water away from foundation walls.
- Check concrete walks and driveways for cracking. If they are cracked, fill them with concrete filler. Power washing and sealing will help extend the life of the concrete.
- Check all exterior faucets for freeze damage. Turn them on and make sure they are not leaking into the house. If you can easily stop the flow with your thumb, you may have a problem.
- Have the air conditioning system checked by a professional. Make sure it works properly before you need it. Now would be a good time to change your interior filter and start a routine maintenance program.
- Make sure your fencing and areas surrounding your pool are safe and secure. Visit [poolsafely.gov](http://poolsafely.gov) for pool safety tips.
- Don't forget that the installation of fences, decks, pools & sheds require permits.

For additional information, contact the Building Services Division at (815) 724-4070 or go to the City of Joliet website at [cityofjoliet.info/departments/community-development/building-inspectional-services-division/residential-permits/decks](http://cityofjoliet.info/departments/community-development/building-inspectional-services-division/residential-permits/decks). Enjoy your summer!

## HOW TO ...

# LODGE A SERVICE REQUEST WITH THE CITY OF JOLIET

Residents can ask for City Hall related information or report non-emergency concerns such as street light outages, overgrown grass code violations, trash and junk in yards, just to name a few through service requests. All service request submittals are reviewed by City Hall's Information Desk personnel and forwarded to the appropriate City department for review.

The City Hall Information Desk can be reached at (815) 724-4000 during normal business hours, which are Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (except on observed holidays). Any concerns or code violation complaints submitted after normal business hours will be reviewed on the following business day.

Our Mobile and Online Service Request system is not monitored 24-hours a day and does not handle Joliet Police related calls or emergencies. If you require immediate assistance please dial 9-1-1 or contact Joliet's 24-hour Non-Emergency Police line at (815)726-2491.

Residents have the following three options for lodging their concerns to the City of Joliet. For more information please contact the City Hall Information Desk at (815) 724-4000.

### Lodging a service request in person at City Hall

Residents may lodge a service request in person by visiting the City Hall Information Desk at 150 W. Jefferson St. in downtown Joliet. The Information Desk is located across from the Customer Service Department windows on the first floor of City Hall. Residents can also call (815) 724-4000 to lodge a service request.

### Lodging a service request online

Service Requests may also be lodged from a personal computer or other electronic devices by going to the City website, [cityofjoliet.info](http://cityofjoliet.info). From the homepage, select the I Want To tab... select Report... and then select the blue button "Click Here" to file an online request.

### Lodging a service request from a mobile device

To utilize this format simply use your devices QR reader... Scan your mobile device's appropriate QR code above, download, and start using this free app today. Residents can also download and start using this free app by searching for "GORquest" in their mobile device's app store!



Google Play

## Stay Connected with What's Happening in Joliet

Staying up to date with what's going on in our City is a perfect way to be involved. Check out these social media options that will help to keep you informed of what's going on.



**FACEBOOK**  
- City of Joliet, Illinois Government  
- Joliet Police Department  
- Joliet Fire Department



**TWITTER:**  
@TheCityofJoliet



**SMART MESSAGE COMMUNITY ALERTS**  
Visit [cityofjoliet.info/smartmessage](http://cityofjoliet.info/smartmessage) to sign up.

## 2018 Spring Events at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park & Theatre

Spring has sprung at the Park! From live performances to film, we have something for everyone. Parking is free. Location: 201 West Jefferson Street. Contact (815) 724-3761 or bicentennialpark.org.

April 7 >> 7 p.m.

### **PASSION PLAY "THE CROSS"**

\$10 admission

Celebrating the Easter season with a live production based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, presented by Julia Alexander.

April 19 - 22 >> 7 p.m. Thursday - Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

### **THE ADDAMS FAMILY**

\$8 adult. \$5 students and seniors

Providence Catholic High School presents their spring musical, featuring their talented drama students.

Tickets: (815) 717-3323

April 28 >> 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### **PERFECT PLAN**

\$5 admission

Presented by KDG Entertainment and produced by Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park & Theatre, an original faith-based play written by Kimberly Garrett, author of "Locked In." Sometimes the unexpected is better.

April 29 >> 2 p.m.

### **J-TOWN FILM FEST**

\$5 admission

Presenting Joliet's own film festival featuring original works from independent film makers. All short films, it is open for high school age and beyond. Come and see the winning selections from six categories and vote for

your favorite.

May 4 - 6 and May 11 - 13 >> 7:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday

### **THE FANTASTICKS**

\$15 adults, \$12 student and senior admission

The Fantasticks is a funny and romantic musical about a boy, a girl, and their two fathers who try to keep them apart. The narrator, El Gallo, asks the audience to use their imagination and follow him into a world of moonlight and magic. "Try to Remember" a time when this romantic charmer wasn't enchanting audiences around the world.

May 19 and 20

### **THE SECRETS OF SANTA MONICA: LA BODA**

Cost: tbd

One small town - one big secret, Family Bridges presents this dynamic theatre experience. Share, laugh and walk away with conversations about the characters and conflicts. We open a door for families to talk about tough topics and bond over the experience.

May 25 >> 6:30 p.m. Friday

### **REDNECK RAVINIA**

\$5 admission

A box wine and cheese wiz festival with great classic country music celebrates the beginning of the summer season.

June 7 - August 30 >> 6:30 p.m. Thursdays

### **CONCERTS ON THE HILL**

Free admission

The 44th season of free concerts begins. Come enjoy a variety of local talent. Start it off with the Joliet American Legion Band and Metropolitan Youth Symphony. Food and beverages are available.

June 15 - 17 and June 22 - 24 >> 7:00 p.m. Friday - Saturday, 2:00 p.m. Sunday

### **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT**

\$15 adults, \$10 student and seniors

The Park presents a summer musical production featuring amazing local talent and live music.

June 18 - July 15 >> Monday - Thursdays and two Fridays

### **SUMMERTIME ON STAGE**

The 18th year of Summertime on Stage begins.

Campers from 5 years to 18 participate in creating a full musical production. Junior and senior high school students may also participate in Tech Camp, no performance - production only.

## Joliet Park District Spring/Summer Events

The Joliet Park District offers activities for the whole family, with over 50 community parks, 3 golf courses, the Inwood Athletic Club, and Splash Station Waterpark. Please visit [jolietpark.org](http://jolietpark.org) or call (815) 741-7275 for more information. Just a few of the many activities include the following:

March 24

### **THE GREAT EGG HUNT**

Ages 4 - 12

At two locations. Nowell Park Baseball Field (5 Mills Road) 10 a.m. Heggie Soccer Field (Collins St & Williamson Ave) 1 p.m.

March 24

### **PIONEER FEST AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

Pilcher Park Nature Center

(2501 Highland Park Dr)

All ages. Enjoy pancakes, sausage and 100% maple syrup. Try your hand at Pioneer chores.

March 27

### **FLASHLIGHT EASTER EGG HUNT**

Inwood Sports Complex

(3000 W. Jefferson St.)

Ages 3 - 12

April 14

### **FARAWAY 5K**

Grove Road Park

(13217 Grove Rd.)

All ages. Run, jump, climb and crawl your way through the middle of nowhere. We've combined the grit of an obstacle course race with a pristine rural setting to bring you a whole new race experience.

May 9

### **FAIRY FEST & BREAKFAST WITH THE FAIRIES**

Pilcher Park Nature Center

(2501 Highland Park Dr)

All ages

Enjoy fairy flower walks, discover fairy food, take a ride on a horse drawn carriage, and let our winged hostesses entertain you.

June 22 - 24

### **TASTE OF JOLIET**

ATI Field at Joliet Memorial Stadium

(3000 W. Jefferson St.)

All ages. Join us for three days of music, food and carnival fun! Purchase tickets online and beat the lines at the gate: [tasteofjoliet.com](http://tasteofjoliet.com)

## Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce Event

June 8 >> 5 - 11 p.m.

### **NEW ORLEANS NORTH**

Downtown Joliet, along Chicago St.

\$7 in advance / \$10 at the gate

21 & Older to attend

Outdoor street festival with a New Orleans flair.

Beer Gardens, Hurricanes, Food Vendors, Live

Music, Roving Entertainment and more. For more

information please contact (815) 727-5371 or visit

[jolietchamber.com](http://jolietchamber.com).



## Library Events

**JOLIET**  
Public Library  
*Read · Explore · Ask · Discover*

**All programs are free to attend. For more information or to register visit [jolietlibrary.org](http://jolietlibrary.org) or call (815) 740-2660.**

**Ottawa Street Branch:** 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet • **Black Road Branch:** 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

April 3 » 4:30-6 p.m.

### **READY PLAYER ONE**

Ottawa Street Branch

Grades K-5 no registration required  
Bring your skills as you play against others in an evening of gaming fun.

April 8 » 2-4 p.m.

### **BRICK BY BRICK: TRACING YOUR HOME'S HISTORY**

Ottawa Street Branch

Adults, registration opens March 1  
Tina Beaird will provide strategies for researching the history of your home by using government records, newspapers, phone directories, maps and other resources. Every home tells a story. What does yours say?  
Sponsored by the Friends of the Joliet Public Library.

April 9 » 1-2 p.m.

### **ONE STEP AHEAD PLAYTIME**

Ottawa Street Branch

Birth-5 years with adult, no registration required

Join us for an hour of socializing, messy art, toys, book corner, and sensory table fun that will have your child begging to come to the library. Caregivers must be present.

April 17 » 5-6 p.m.

### **STRANGE AND UNUSUAL: AS SEEN ON YOUTUBE**

Ottawa Street Branch

Grades 5-7, no registration required  
Messy experiments? Ninja Stars? Stick Bombs? Come in and test your skills to see if you can beat the YouTube challenge.

April 19 » 6-7:30 p.m.

### **BOOKS AND PIZZA**

Black Road Branch

Grades 7-12,  
registration opens February 20  
Enjoy eating pizza while learning about the new & hot books.

April 21 » 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

### **PEPPA PIG PARTY**

Black Road Branch

Children of all ages with adult, registration opens April 2  
Join us for a celebration of Peppa Pig that will feature games, crafts and more. This party will be so much fun that children will oink for joy.



## 9<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL STAR WARS™ DAY

June 2 » 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Ottawa Street Branch

All ages, no registration required  
Join us for our legendary event featuring a parade of costumed characters, live music, prize

giveaways, games, food vendors, artists, exhibitors, movie props and more. Star Wars events will take place at the Library, Joliet Area Historical Museum, and the Rialto.

April 25 » 6-7:30 p.m.

### **PAPER MARBLING DEMONSTRATION**

Black Road Branch

Adults, registration opens March 28  
Join us for a demonstration on paper marbling, a decorative art developed during the Renaissance. A work of art all by itself, the resulting paper can be used to make crafts, such as note cards, ornaments, garlands, and pinwheels. All supplies are provided.

May 3 » 6-7 p.m.

### **MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS: THE COGS OF WELL-BEING**

Black Road Branch

Adults, registration opens April 5  
Join professionals from BenVia Life Coaching and Aspire Center for Positive Change for a presentation and discussion to understand how to guide and balance your well-being.

May 4 » 4-8 p.m.

### **STAR WARS TRIVIA NIGHT AT JOLIET AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM**

Joliet Area Historical Museum

Rooftop Terrace, Adults 21+ only, registration opens April 6  
Match wits with our librarians and compete to win some bookish prizes! Your teams can be as big (or as small) as you'd like. Singles are welcome: we'll help match you up into teams.

Bring your library card and earn bonus points.

May 10 » 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### **THE BUZZ ABOUT BEES**

Black Road Branch

Grades K-5, registration opens April 23  
Meet some honeybees and their keeper, Jen Parshall, as we find out more about the amazing world of honeybees.

May 14 » 6:30-7:30 p.m.

### **PAT SULLIVAN PRESENTS "THE IMPORTANCE OF ATTITUDE IN LEADERSHIP"**

Black Road Branch

Adults, registration opens April 23  
Locally renowned basketball coach and Hall of Famer Pat Sullivan gives his talk on "The Importance of Attitude in Leadership". Pat has dedicated his career to inspiring people, helping them to discover and capitalize on their personal strengths.

June 3 - July 25

### **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE**

Both Library Locations

All ages, preregistration begins May 1  
Our annual Summer Reading Challenge with prizes and fun for all ages. Stop by either library location for information on how you can register to track your pages and challenges.

## Downtown City Center Partnership Events

June 9 » 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### **PAWS ON 66 - PET RESCUE DAY**

Downtown Joliet on Chicago Street  
The second annual Paws on 66 will welcome dozens of area pet rescues with dogs and cats available for adoption, along with vendors selling pet treats and crafts, advocacy groups, activities, and more. This year Spay Illinois will be offering a low-cost vaccine clinic at the event. Leashed pets are welcome & will receive a small gift.

June 27 » 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.

### **RACE FAN RALLY**

Downtown Joliet on Chicago Street, between Jefferson & Cass Streets  
Don't miss one of the biggest single-day NASCAR fan fests in the Midwest! Race Fan Rally is an annual single-day NASCAR fan fest held on the Wednesday before the Monster Energy Cup races at Chicagoland Speedway. Race Fan Rally includes live music, vendors, beer tents, driver appearances, a Racecar Simulator, cars on display and concludes with a grand fireworks display.

Wednesday Nights in Summer » 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### **ROUTE 66 STREET MARKETS**

Downtown Joliet on Chicago Street  
Produce, crafts, treats, live music, and craft beer specials await you at Downtown Joliet's weekly street markets. Visit [jolietdowntown.com](http://jolietdowntown.com) for this year's opening date.

## Spanish translation of Newsletter available online

El Boletín de la ciudad de Joliet está disponible en español. Para ver una copia del boletín en español, por favor visita nuestra pagina [cityofjoliet.info/what-s-new/city-newsletters](http://cityofjoliet.info/what-s-new/city-newsletters)

## Rialto Square Theatre Spring Activities

The Rialto Square Theatre is located at 102 N. Chicago St. in downtown Joliet. For tickets and show information, please go to [rialtosquare.com](http://rialtosquare.com) or call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000. You can also contact our box office at (815) 726-6600 between the hours of 12 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please check [rialtosquare.com](http://rialtosquare.com) for newly added shows. Additional fees may apply to some tickets.

April 3 » 7:30 p.m.

### **PAT BENATAR & NEIL GIRALDO**

Tickets: \$53.50 to \$78.50

It will be an intimate setting that will allow fans to experience the true power of the music while hearing the stories behind the songs. Since 1979, Benatar and Giraldo have formed one of the most successful partnerships in music history.

April 6 » 8:00 p.m.

### **LEWIS BLACK**

Tickets: \$39.50 to \$65.00

Lewis Black is known as the king of the rant. His comedic brilliance lies in his ability to make people laugh at the absurdities of life, with topics that include current events, social media, politics and anything else that exposes the hypocrisy and madness he sees in the world.

April 8 » 7:00 p.m.

### **LOS LOBOS & THE FABULOUS THUNDERBIRDS**

Tickets: \$33.50 to \$53.50

Los Lobos, an American rock band from East Los Angeles, Calif, brings their unique blend of rock, tex-mex, country, zydeco, folk, R&B, blue and brown eyed soul to Joliet. For over 30 years, The Fabulous Thunderbirds ("Tuff Enuff" & "Wrap It Up") have been the quintessential American band. The group's distinctive and powerful sound is influenced by a diversity of musical styles.

April 14 » 8:00 p.m.

### **JACKSON GALAXY (The Cat Daddy)**

Tickets: \$43.50 to \$63.50

Popular TV celebrity known as the "Cat Daddy", Jackson is the host and executive producer of Animal Planet's long running hit show My Cat From Hell. Jackson, an animal advocate and cat behavior and wellness consultant, is also a two-time New York Times best-selling author with more than 25 years of experience working with cats and their guardians.

April 21 » 8:00 p.m.

### **ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK**

Tickets: \$48.50 to \$73.50

Engelbert Humperdinck will bring his unique sound, and a career spanning nearly 50 years, to the Rialto Square Theatre as part of his Engelbert Humperdinck: The Man I Want To Be Tour!

April 27 » 7:30 p.m.

### **JIM JEFFRIES**

Tickets: \$39.50, \$49.50 and VIP \$182.50

Jefferies has firmly established himself as one of the most popular and respected comedians of his generation, with a controversial and belief-challenging standup style that continues to surprise and entertain audiences across the globe. His television show, The Jim Jefferies, premiered on Comedy Central in 2017.

May 3 » 7:30 p.m.

### **HOME FREE - TIMELESS WORLD TOUR**

Tickets: \$29.50 to \$44.50

The all vocal country sensation Home Free is bringing Nashville country standards and country-dipped pop hits to town (and having a great time doing so). The band comes to town on the heels of their most recent full-length album release, TIMELESS, bringing with them new music, new jokes, and new production.

June 15 » 8:00 p.m.

### **THE TEMPTATIONS & THE FOUR TOPS**

Tickets: \$48.50 to \$78.50

R&B legends of nearly 60 years, The Temptations were lauded by Billboard in 2017 as the Number One R&B Artist of All-Time. Rock and Roll Hall of Famers, The Temptations, will be playing their classics in addition to tracks off their first new album in eight years, All The Time. A product of Detroit, Michigan, The Four Tops helped define the city's Motown sound dating back to the 60's. The Four Tops were also inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, in 1990, and part of Rolling Stone magazines 100 Greatest Artists of All Time.

## Joliet Area Historical Museum Events

The Joliet Area Historical Museum is located at 204 N Ottawa St, Joliet, IL 60432. Free parking is available in the Museum parking lot at the corner of Ottawa and Webster Streets. Metered parking is available curb side. For further event details as they are scheduled, please visit [jolietmuseum.org](http://jolietmuseum.org) or call (815) 723-5201. Check website for museum general admission prices and hours.

### **February 1st - November 4th LAST CALL FOR ALCOHOL!**

Come visit the museum and learn more about the history of Joliet's breweries.

April 6th » 6:30 p.m.

### **DINNER AT THE LINCOLN WHITE HOUSE**

Museum Lower Level Auditorium  
Enjoy a delicious buffet style dinner

inspired by Lincoln's White House while you watch the Premier of 'Following the 100th Illinois: A Documentary on Will County in the Civil War' produced by the University of St. Francis History Department along with a presentation from local Civil War historian Robert Kuzma. Afterwards enjoy a "Lincoln in Song" musical program performed by Billboard Award-winning artist Chris Vallillo. Members \$25, Non-Members \$30. For additional info or to register contact Liz McNeil at (815) 723-5201x221 or [e.mcneil@jolietmuseum.org](mailto:e.mcneil@jolietmuseum.org)

April 20th » 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### **WINE AND SOUL**

Museum Lower Level Auditorium  
Enjoy a wine tasting with a performance by Nova Soul with complimentary wine tasting glass and cash bar.

Members \$20, Non-Members \$25

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April 29th » 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

### **ALL ABOARD THE MUSEUM EXPRESS!**

Museum Lower Level Auditorium  
Join us for a family fun day as we explore the world of planes, trains and automobiles. Ticket price includes buffet lunch, museum galleries and special activities.

\$20 Members & Children (ages 3-14), \$25 Non-Members

For additional info or to register contact Liz McNeil at (815) 723-5201x221 or [e.mcneil@jolietmuseum.org](mailto:e.mcneil@jolietmuseum.org)

May 4th » 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### **TRIVIA NIGHT & CONCERT**

Museum Rooftop Terrace  
Is the Force strong with you? Sign up as an individual or as a team for a night of quiz-tastic fun & prizes: [jolietlibrary.org](http://jolietlibrary.org)

May 5th » 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### **REVENGE OF THE 5TH SCAVENGER HUNT**

Free admission

Game on! Can you find all of the vintage Star Wars cards hidden throughout the Museum galleries? Grab a game card and challenge your friends and family to complete the hunt. Special guest characters, vendors, and prizes available.

May 28th

### **BLUE STAR MUSEUM PROGRAM**

Free admission into the Museum for active military members and their immediate family members. Memorial Day through Labor Day (Sept. 3rd)

June 2nd » 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### **STAR WARS DAY**

Free admission  
Join the Museum, Public Library, and Rialto Square Theatre for the 9th annual Star Wars Day! Various activities will be at each location, in addition to vendors along Chicago & Clintons Sts. For additional up-to-date information please visit: [jolietmuseum.org](http://jolietmuseum.org) & [jolietlibrary.org](http://jolietlibrary.org)